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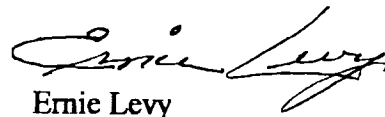
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write you in reference to the recent Microsoft settlement, and to express my concern with its delay. This is a settlement that is the result of three months of intense negotiations, mediated by a court appointed moderator. The settlement contains provisions that extend beyond the government's original grievance list. In fact, this settlement agreement forces Microsoft to submit to a government appointed, three-person, technical oversight committee whose responsibility it is to ensure Microsoft's compliance. Additionally, Microsoft is forced to document and disclose the various interfaces of Windows' operating system to its competitors, a requirement that is a first in anti-trust litigation. This settlement appeases all parties.

The settlement that has been reached, speaks to the restoration of a competitive market and continued growth in our technology industry. The IT sector has been ready to move on, while the government has been delaying the process. Not only does our technology Industry benefit from this settlement, but our economy as a whole. Just when our country needs support, ~~we~~ are holding it back from further development.

Let us not waste our resources in further delaying a settlement that has already been agreed on. Help support this settlement and our economy by making sure that no further action is taken.

Sincerely,


Ernie Levy